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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I live in an area that has a single provider for base level internet transfer, though two options for the actual provider. The single provider system means AT&T can charge whatever they want and drive my current provider out of the market.

The 1996 telecommunications act is critical and it's important that it stay in place.

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